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Jordan Gahan (left) and Liam Pillay with their app for learner drivers.

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LEARNING TO APP-LY ROAD RULES

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IF wading through a dull textbook does not sound appealing, a pair of Gold Coasters have developed a clever way for new drivers to ace their test.

Bond University students Jordan Gahan and Liam Pillay have developed a new app which translates the learner's handbook – a staple in learning how to drive – into interactive scenarios.

The pair hope the revolutionary, hi-tech

creation could one day replace the hard-copy book entirely.

Mr Gahan said the technology worked by hovering a smartphone over specifically designed playing cards, in order to run through a variety of different scenarios.

"It was something I could bring into the 21st century that isn't just a stack of paper that no-one reads," Mr Gahan said. "The idea is to make it a fun and interactive experience for learning drivers."

Along with driving scenarios, users can also watch tutorials and learn road rules.

Instant feedback is then given to let them know if they passed or failed the scenario.

The pair are hoping to get government support to further improve the app before it is released to the public.

Mr Gahan said the opportunities were endless, with the app able to be adapted for use in other states or countries.

Bond back for a 25th instalment

THE new James Bond film finally has a title – *No Time to Die* – and an April 2020 release date, producers have announced.

"Daniel Craig returns as James Bond, 007 in ... NO TIME TO DIE. Out in the UK on 3 April 2020 and 8 April 2020 in the US," according to a brief posting on the official 007 Twitter account yesterday.

Filming for the new movie, previously known only as Bond 25, got under way in Jamaica in April when producers announced that Oscar winner Rami Malek will play the villain in the latest entry in lucrative British spy franchise.

Craig confirmed in 2017 that he would return for a fifth time as secret agent 007.

Producers said yesterday the new film would see Bond enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica after leaving active service before an old friend, Felix Leiter, from the CIA turns up.

Bond embarks on a mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist, which puts him on the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology, they added.

The Bond franchise is one of the movie world's most lucrative with 2015's *Spectre* raking in \$US880 million at the box office worldwide while *Skyfall* in 2012 grossed more than \$US1 billion globally.

